### GRISWOLD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING: School Safety, Climate & Culture



Wednesday, March 14th, 2018

#### OUR DISTRICT MISSION

The community of Griswold Public Schools educates for excellence by empowering students to become compassionate, confident, creative, resourceful members of society.

#### OUR DISTRICT VISION

The community of Griswold Public Schools excels at education for excellence for all students to be college and/or career ready.

#### SCHOOL SAFETY

"The primary responsibility of every school district is to ensure a safe and secure environment for students, and staff, and visitors."

"School Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness." *School Safety, Security, and Emergency Preparedness* | *National School Boards Association*, www.nsba.org/services/school-board-leadership-services/school-safety-and-security.

#### SCHOOL SAFETY BASICS

- BUILDING SECURITY
- ☐ ALARM SYSTEMS
- ☐ INTERIOR ACCESS CONTROL
- VISITOR SCREENING PROCEDURE
- SUPERVISION
- MANAGEMENT OF SPACE
- □ BEHAVIORAL SECURITY MEASURES

### SCHOOL SAFETY **EMERGENCY** PREPAREDNESS FUNCTIONAL EXERCISES

- MAINTAINING EMERGENCY PLANS
- BASIC TRAINING OF STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF
- □ SCHOOL DRILLS
- □ COMMUNICATION & **STAKEHOLDERS**
- ☐ FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

#### SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE

"School climate refers to the school's effects on students, including teaching practices; diversity; and the relationships among administrators, teachers, parents, and students."

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"School culture refers to the way teachers and other staff members work together and the set of beliefs, values, and assumptions they share. A positive school climate and school culture promote students' ability to learn."

# SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE

- MAINTAINING GOOD COMMUNICATION
- PROMOTING CHARACTER & RESPECT
- CASTING A WIDE NET ON DIFFERENT STUDENT INTERESTS
- OFFERING STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OPTIONS AND CHOICES
- OFFERING STUDENTS & PARENTS SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, & BEHAVIORAL SUPPORTS

## SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE

- □ INVOLVING AND PARTNERING WITH PARENTS & STAKEHOLDERS
- ☐ GES & GMS HAVE PTO'S
- ☐ GHS HAS PAC
- EMBRACING & DEVELOPING COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS (THE TOWN OF GRISWOLD & UCFS)

## SCHOOL SAFETY, CLIMATE & CULTURE WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR WORK, OUR MISSION, AND OUR VISION



U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Supportive Schools Model

#### QUESTION, ANSWER, & DIALOGUE

#### RESOURCES

- ☐ U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: WORKING TO KEEP SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES SAFE. CLICK HERE.
- CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATE. CLICK HERE.
- ☐ HARVARD GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION: RESILIENCY AFTER VIOLENCE. CLICK HERE.
- ☐ UCFS HEALTHCARE. CLICK HERE.